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## proposed Motorcyclist Bill of Rights

A motorcyclist bill of rights typically outlines the rights and protections that motorcyclists are entitled to, emphasizing their safety, equality, and freedom on the road.

Here's a concise summary of key points:

- 1. Equal road Access** – Motorcyclists have the right to use public roads without discrimination or restriction.
- 2. Safe infrastructure** – Roads and highways should be designed and maintained with motorcyclists' safety in mind, including proper signage and hazard-free conditions.
- 3. Fair treatment by police** – Motorcyclists should not be subjected to profiling or unfair targeting based on their mode of transportation.
- 4. Freedom of choice** – Riders should have the freedom to make personal choices about protective gear, provided it complies with local regulations.
- 5. Inclusion in traffic regulations** – Traffic statutes and regulations should account for motorcycles' unique dynamics and ensure their fair application.
- 6. Education and awareness** – Drivers should be educated about sharing the road with motorcycles to reduce crashes and improve safety.
- 7. Insurance equality** – Motorcyclists have the right to fair treatment in insurance policies, without excessive premiums or discriminatory practices.
- 8. Representation in policy** – Riders should have a voice in transportation policies and legislation that affects their rights and safety.

This summary encapsulates the principles often included in a *Motorcyclist Bill of Rights*, promoting safety, fairness, and respect for all riders.

-- Diesel Dave

### Welcome New Members

Name	Chapter
Dilan Pattison	Douglas County
Randy Mumma	Josephine County
Donnie Taylor	Southeast Portland
Charlene Wolf	Southeast Portland
Daniel Tudela	Southeast Portland
Paul Edwards	Southeast Portland
Heidi Pattison	Southeast Portland

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- Reimbursement for *Team Oregon* rider classes.
- Accidental death insurance.
- Helping to make riding safer for yourself and others.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is A.B.A.T.E.?

We are a State Motorcycle Rights Organization (S.M.R.O.) dedicated to educating riders, drivers, and elected officials about issues affecting motorcyclists.

We help fund a political action committee (*BikePAC*) that directly interacts with the legislature about motorcycles issues and bills that affect us.

### What does "A.B.A.T.E." mean?

*A.B.A.T.E.* stands for *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*. The organization was formed when legislators passed bills adversely affecting riders without consulting them.

We also do business as *A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education*.

### Mission Statement

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.*

### What is BikePAC?

Founded in 1988, *BikePAC* members track legislation, brief officials, and report to *A.B.A.T.E.* about issues affecting motorcyclists.

## A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC Legislative Victories

**1977** – Oregon helmet requirement repealed.

**1979** – Rider safety program proposed by *A.B.A.T.E.*

**1981** – *Team Oregon* rider safety legislation passed.

**1988** – Voter referendum reinstates helmet requirement.

" *BikePAC* formed for motorcyclists' legislative efforts.

**1995** – Motorcycle helmet definition standardized. (HB– 3422)

**1997** – Adult helmet freedom of choice bill passed, vetoed by governor.

**1997** – Federal court equates federal testing standards with Oregon helmet definition.

**1999** – Motorcycle handlebar height regulation repealed.

**2001** – Riders given choice to fuel bikes at service stations. (HB-3885)

**2001– 2013** Hostile capitol environment to motorcycle legislative efforts.

**2015** – "*Dead Red*" bill passes. (SB-533)

Riders allowed to proceed if light not triggered after one cycle.

**2017** – Reckless drivers held accountable for motor-cyclist harm. (HB-2598)

**2019** – Drivers can be held criminally negligent

for motorcyclist injuries. (SB– 810)

**2019** Lane sharing bill didn't pass.

1 Lane sharing bill vetoed by governor.

**2023** Lane sharing bill died in house transportation committee.

**Legislators didn't give motorcyclists these victories.**

**We had to work hard together to gain or regain our rights.**

*Join us*

**Become a meaningful part of protecting your rider's rights.**

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Glenna Glossen

**membership@abateoforegon.net**

# State Coordinator

## February

Hello riders in the wind,

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*

It's going through some changes in the organization and it's vol-unteers to stay focused on supporting *BikePAC of Oregon* along with our mission focus: Motorcycle rights, safety, aware-ness, and education For all motorcyclists such as sport bike riders, dirt bike riders, three-wheelers and four-wheelers, it's important to work together fighting for the same motorcycle rights: ending motorcycle profiling, lane sharing, motorcycles having their own lane in metropolitan areas, right to repair act, and new safety regulations for electric scooters, etc.

Coming together with the *Motor-cycle Riders' Foundation (M.R.F.)* on the national level is really important.

Working with our neighboring states in the Pacific Northwest is really important as well.

Because we are all fighting for motorcycle

rights!

It's important as volunteers that we get out in the communities throughout Oregon to help promote what our organization stands for, going to different events in our communities to help educate everyone about motorcycle safety and awareness. Meet different district representatives and other important organizations to help promote, safety and motorcycle rights on the legislation floor.

We as volunteers should be a voice for all motorcyclist through-out Oregon.

If we want to continue in 2026 and 2027 it's important to keep up with modern technology and to use these platforms to help promote our organization and its mission statement.

We want to be on all social media platforms. We will start doing two minute short videos promoting *A.B.A.T.E. of*

## Joy Reyes

( 5 4 1 ) – 6 4 3 – 1 7 9 8



## March

Hello everyone,

The weather is getting better little by little as spring approaches. We are going to be out and about for our events, such as swap meets, poker runs, and *Fossil Campout*.

Our *May Motorcyclists Awareness Rally* is a big issue because in May the transportation bill it is supposed to be voted on.

This transportation bill was gonna be on the ballot for November of this year, but the legislature and governor decided to move it to the May election, which

*Oregon.*

I want to add, we as an organization will work with any motorcycle rights organization or political action committee for motorcycle rights, safety, and awareness.

We as an organization will not allow them to discredit, slander, or disrespect us for what we stand for in our mission statement.

I want to thank all of our volunteers who continue to work hard for all motorcyclists in Oregon.

Thank you so much.

Ride safe out there everyone,

-- Ms. Joy Reyes

state coordinator

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### A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

## Douglas County

### February

Hello from *Douglas County Chapter,*

The chapter had our meeting early this month [December] due to Christmas falling on the same week.

We are looking forward to the spring and upcoming events. The chapter is looking forward to getting involved in the community events.

Safe travels,

-- Curtis McCain

*Douglas County Chapter*

### March

Hello again from *Douglas County Chapter,*

Not much to report.

Working on our spring run coming up. Will be posting times and dates on the web site.

We also are setting up bike nights this spring. We will post all times and dates on our web site.

Looking forward to spring and upcoming events.

Our meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at *Abby's Pizza* in Roseburg on Stevens street.

Be safe,

-- Curtis McCain

*Douglas County Chapter*



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**ABATEDouglasCounty@gmail.com**

### Douglas County

#### MEETING TIME and PLACE

4<sup>th</sup> Thur. at 1800 (6 p.m.)  
( 3rd Thur.– Dec only )

*Abby's Pizza*  
1661 NE Stephen street

Roseburg  
(541)– 294– 1123

#### POINT of CONTACT

Charles Darnell  
(907)– 360– 1922

## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

## Josephine County

## February

Hello *A.B.A.T.E.* members,

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Years.

Here we are already into the second month of 2026. Who speeded up the calendar?

We are busy working on our *Spring Swap Meet*. At this rate, 24 April will be here before we know it.

We still need an event coordinator for the swap meet. Our long time coordinator, Cathy King, retired. She has agreed to help the new person/people, but she has moved out of the area and is not available to run the show. These are very large shoes to fill, but fill them we must, if our swap meet is to continue.

If you have motorcycle parts, T-shirts, leathers, or anything motorcycle-related, save the the dates of 24–26 April and reserve a booth. Venders make the swap meet, as well as shoppers.

We look forward to seeing everyone for this event. Posters and more information will be available soon.

## Things I want:

1. Motorcycles
2. Motorcycle parts
3. A bigger garage
4. More motorcycles
5. Unlimited gas
6. More money to buy motorcycles and motorcycle parts.

-- Janice Jensen  
chapter membership secretary

## March

Greetings fellow *A.B.A.T.E.* members,

Did you get the chance to submit testimony on SB–1599, *Gas Tax and Fee*? I hope that you gave them an earful. Soon it won't matter that they don't make gas for motorcycles anymore. We won't be able to afford it anyway.

I have found that the newer my bike, the less miles per gallon that I get. I used to have a 1983 Harley. I got 50 mpg, up hill, down hill, loaded for a trip – it didn't matter.

Now I am lucky if I can get 30-35 mpg on a flat road.

## Save the date

25-26 April – Swap Meet

Got parts?  
Need parts?  
Now is the time to do a little spring cleaning.

Round up those motorcycle parts, shirts, leathers, and other gear that you no longer need.

The *Southern Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet* is coming to Pottsville in Merlin, Oregon.

Reserve a vender spot (or two) and head on out.

It's a great place to sell the stuff that you don't need and locate stuff on your "want list".

There is also a bike show on Sunday. Show off your new or vintage bike. All makes of bikes welcome.

Spend the day browsing. Just \$5 per day. Kids under 12 are free.

Flyers and vender applications will arrive soon.

For more information, call Spanky at (541)–659–8715 or Janice at (541)–659–1357.

Come to our *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting on Wednesday, 18 March in the Grants Pass *Fruitdale Grange*.

## Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Josephine-County-ABATE-484373891732466/?fref=ts>



**Our meeting time has changed to 5 p.m.**

-- Janice Jensen  
membership secretary,  
newsletter

Josephine County  
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1800 (5 pm)

Fruitdale Grange  
1440 Parkdale drive  
Grants Pass

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(541)– ppp– nnnn

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Grants Pass, OR 97527

## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

## Lincoln County

## February

Sweetheart wishes from *Lincoln County*,

Not much going on here on the central coast.

We still meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., 424 Olive street, Newport.

Our new officers are as follows:

**Coordinator** – Shirley  
**Vice coordinator** – Jack  
**Treasurer** – Bob

**Secretary** – Gordon  
**Ways and means** – Gordon

**Membership** – Vince

**Historian** – Brad

**State representative** – Bob

We were sad to see the *Central Chapter* close but fully understand the reasons. We too have had those

conversations.

Have a loving Valentines Day and let those you love *know* how much you love and appreciate them.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

-- Deb  
past state and *Lincoln County* secretaries

## March

Hello everyone,

I am late getting this out, so it will be old news by the time you read it.

My bad. Won't happen again.

The *S.T.E.A.M.* location has been secured at the *American Legion* in Newport.



All we need now is someone to head it up.

The date is Saturday, 14 March. The day after, Sunday, 15 March, will be the state board meeting at the same location.

*Fossil Campout* is well organized so far. Bands are lined up and vendors are being called. (We can always use more vendors so if you know of someone, have them contact Shirley. She is the *Fossil* coordinator.)

## Lincoln County

## MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 ( 6:30 p.m.)  
*American Legion Hall*, post 116  
424 W. Olive Street  
Newport

## POINT of CONTACT

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## A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

## River City

## February

Planning begins for our annual Teddy Bear Parade and Poker Run in The Dalles. MARK your calendars for APRIL 25, 2026! Committee meetings will start at 6:30 prior to our monthly meetings. Feb – April. Come help make history, continue a community tradition and promote motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty in the community of The Dalles.

May the wind be always at your back....

Laura “Dilli”

River City Chapter Secretary

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## ROAD CLEANUP

Time.....Sunday, March 29, 2026 meet at the Deschutes River Bridge (between Celilo and Biggs) at 10 AM.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY March 3, 2026. The



following one will be April 7, 2026.

May the wind be always at your back....

Laura “Dilli”

River City Chapter Secretary

The River City Chapter ABATE of Oregon meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM.

Location: Columbia River Hotel/Portage Grill (aka Shilo) The Dalles, 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way.

## River City

## MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )

Columbia River Hotel/Portage Grill  
3223 Bret Clodfelter way  
The Dalles

## POINT of CONTACT

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## A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

## Southeast Portland

## February

Hi fellow freedom fighters,

Our chapter has been getting more members in the last three months. Before October we had about 150 members; we now have about 180 members. There are about 20-30 members who attend our meetings on a regular basis. And, there are more members who raise their hand to speak during the meetings. Which makes things more interesting.

Our busy state coordinator has been attending our meetings and she has often raised her hand to speak.

The chapter has a five minute rule for speakers. We don't really enforce this rule. However, we need to do that occasionally.

There should be a *S.T.E.A.M.* class on how to conduct meetings. (i.e. – agenda, order of business, motion procedure, recognizing the chair, etc.)

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* will have six events in 2026:

- Sweetheart dance party
- Anniversary party

- Swap meet
- Second Sunday Swap Meets at *Volcano Harley-Davidson*
- Family campout (TBD)
- *A.B.A.T.E. / Shriners'* toy run

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site has a mini mall where motorcycle parts, motorcycles, and miscellaneous stuff are sold. *A.B.A.T.E.* members can have their stuff for sale in our mini mall. Call or e-mail the web master to arrange for that to happen.

There is also a *Pro Services* page for anyone who has a business and wants to promote it on our web site. Non-*A.B.A.T.E.* members are encouraged to donate \$10 to our food drive or our down riders fund for any ad postings.

Come to meetings, get involved, speak your mind, become a chapter officer and become a PCP ( precinct committee person ) in whichever party you support.

Our next meeting will happen on 01 February 2026 at 12:30 p.m. at *High Rocks Steaks and Chops* in Gladstone.



Hope to see you there.

Visit our web sites and social media pages:

[www.abatase.net](http://www.abatase.net)  
and  
[www.abatetoyrun.com](http://www.abatetoyrun.com)

Enjoy the day,

-- James Niece  
pro tem secretary

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## Southeast Portland

## MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st & 3rd Sundays at 1230 (12:30 pm)

*High Rocks Steaks & Chops*  
915 E. Arlington -- Gladstone

## POINT of CONTACT

Rotten Roger  
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<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

# Southeast Portland ( continued from previous page )

## March

Greetings fellow *A.B.A.T.E.* members,

Hats off for Dave Ganslein because of his relentless on-going legislative actions.

He is wanting all of us to help him by really getting involved as grass roots activists. He has posted links on the *Southeast Portland Chapter* and state *Facebook* pages that will help you in this action.

Those links are also on the *Southeast Portland Chapter* and state web sites legislative pages.

There is a load of interesting legislative information on both of the sites.

### *Southeast Portland Chapter events to come in 2026*

- 20-22 March – *Portland Roadster Show.*
- 09-11 April – *Portland International Raceway* swap meet.
- 12 April – *Southeast Portland Chapter* swap meet.
- June to October – *Second Sunday Swap Meets* at *Volcano Harley-Davidson.*
- (TBD) – Family campout / picnic.
- 05 Dec – *ABATE/Shriners' Toy*

*Run.*

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speaking your mind, become a chapter officer, and become a precinct committee person (PCP) in whichever party you support.

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Visit our web sites and social media pages:

[www.abatese.net](http://www.abatese.net)  
[www.abatetoyrun.com](http://www.abatetoyrun.com)

Enjoy life everyday,

-- James Niece  
*pro tem* secretary

## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

# Washington County

## February

"When in doubt, tell the truth."

-- Mark Twain

Greetings and Happy New Year to all,

Let's be glad that we have survived the holidays!

Our chapter is planning these events for this year:

**14 June**, Sunday – *Roll and Ride*

**18 July**, Saturday – *Scavenger Hunt*

**15 August**, Saturday – *End of Summer Run*

**21 November**, Saturday – *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*

**mid-December** – Christmas and end-of-year party

We will continue to meet at the *Prime Time Restaurant*, 4450 Pacific avenue in Forest Grove on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. for our run committee planning, and then on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. we get together at the Elks Lodge at 7553 NE Quatana street in Hillsboro for our regular monthly chapter meeting.

The *May Motorcycle Riders' Awareness Rally* presented by *BikePAC of Oregon* is in the planning stages. We invite everyone interested in motorcycles to attend and join

with us in promoting a better world through experiencing the excitement of being "in the wind."

Here's hoping that you get to ride your machines once in awhile on dry pavement.

Just a reminder: Keep the bike ready to go all the time.

Yeah, the usual – Have good gas and oil in it with a charged battery.

Then look for an excuse to ride.

I guess I'm writing these words to help keep me motivated. Dark, cold, dreary winter days seem to be fertile ground for fostering negativity. A ride on a loud, fast motorcycle can bring you a smile.

With that:

"If I had my life to live over again," mused the middle-aged biker, "I'd make all the same mistakes — but I'd make them sooner."

-- Ricardo Fiore  
El Paso, Texas  
Easyriders

Ride hard,

-- Cooper



## March

Some years ago an American historian, Charles A. Beard, wrote:

*"You need only reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence."*

-- George Seldes  
*Great Quotations*

Greetings to you who read this report in the middle of winter,

It was learned at our run committee meeting that a date has been changed for our *Scavenger Hunt Run*. The correct date for the

event is:

Saturday, 25 July 2026.

All the other dates as posted last month remain the same.

Look forward to flyers going public after being sanctioned.

Seems like many people are

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### Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd Monday at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
*Prime Time Restaurant*  
4450 Pacific avenue

4th Monday at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
Elk's Lodge  
21865 Quatama street  
Forest Grove

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# Washington County

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sick right now. I have been for a few weeks myself. What started out as a sniffly cold has morphed into a frustrating dark rain cloud over my head. As soon as I think that I'm getting better I begin doing things again, acting as if I am healthy only to find that I'm slipping further into the abyss of illness with pneumonia biting me in the butt. A nurse friend has given me instructions to *stay* in bed. (Or on the couch.) Be patient and don't try to act like I am fully recovered until I really do get well.

Here's hoping that you are all well and able to get a ride in every once in awhile.

## Activities coming up:

- 14 March 2026 – *S.T.E.A.M.* in Newport at the *American Legion* hall.
- 21-22 March 2026 – *Cherry City Classic Bike and Car Show* at the Oregon state fairgrounds in Salem. Indoor flat track racing and tattoo event.
- 02-03 May 2026 – *Moto One Show* in Portland. Custom bikes.
- 02 May 2026 – *BikePAC May Motorcyclists Awareness Rally* in front of the Oregon state capitol building.
- 29 May-01 June 2026 – *Fossil Campout* in Bear Hollow.

Ending with this:

A guy is brought before the judge's bench. He is on trial for paying a prostitute for sex.

"How do you plead?" the judge asks the defendant.

"Not guilty, your honor."

Showing him a videotape of the alleged act, the prosecutor responds, "How can you possibly convince this court of your innocence if we have the sex act, plus your subsequent payment to the alleged prostitute right here on tape?"

"Nothing could be easier," says the defendant. "I'll admit to the court that although I wasn't engaged in an act of prostitution, I was committing another crime — gambling. But I am not charged with that."

"Gambling?" asks the prosecutor. "How so?"

"Well, you see," answers the defendant, "I went up to the young lady earlier that night as she was working in a topless bar. I said to her, 'I'll bet you \$200 that you don't get to have sex with me tonight.' That videotape you have is just footage of me losing the bet and the woman winning!"

-- Rocky Myerson  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
*Easyriders* magazine

Ride hard,

-- Cooper

## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

# Willamette Valley

## March

This is going to be short and sweet.

We have a good base of membership, but the problem is I only see 20% of them participating. Without member participation it is hard to plan events and conduct business decisions without a quorum.

We have a new coordinator who has been very active with the *Kansas A.B.A.T.E.* and brings some exciting ideas, so please come and support us in person at our meetings last Sunday of every month at 3p.m. in *Denny's* on Ryan street in Salem, Oregon.

This will be the first time in over two decades that we will not be holding the *Chilly Buns Run* and that makes me sad.

We have a big influence on motorcycle safety through

*BikePAC* on upcoming changes in the regulations pertaining to motorcycles. Our contribution to *Team Oregon* courses discounts have aided many.

Let's keep this organization **strong**.

Keep your knees in the breeze!

-- Dar Christiansen



### Willamette Valley

#### MEETING TIMES and PLACE

Last Sunday at 1500 ( 3 p.m. )  
*Denny's*  
3155 Ryan drive SE  
Salem

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# A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meetings – Ciddici's Pizza – Albany, Oregon

## 10 January 2026

**Called to order at 12:11 a.m.** (1211) by state coordinator Joy Reyes who welcomed everyone.

Pledge of allegiance was followed by a moment of silence for downed riders.

**Chapter role call.** *Willamette Valley Chapter* not represented.

< **Trouble with Zoom camera** >

November minutes approved. (Thank you, Karen.) Minutes accepted as printed in the December newspaper.

### Executive Board Officer Reports

**State coordinator** – Joy apologized for her absence from December's meeting due to severe illness.

She said that there have been serious bouts of miscommunication on social media sites regarding *A.B.A.T.E.* organization.

Joy underlined the proper code of conduct for our organization:

- No malicious slander of other organizations or people
- Our willingness to work in concert with other motorcycle organizations toward positive outcome.

We're thinking about making some adjustments for the new year on how we conduct ourselves on social media.

**Recording secretary** – Mary Josephson from *Southeast Portland Chapter* was voted in for 2026

**Vice-coordinator (north)** – Matty Mazurek

**Vice-coordinator (east)** –

**Vice-coordinator (south)** – Morgan Warner

### New Business

- Karen Tolle voted in as temporary state membership secretary. She hopes to train a permanent state secretary in a few month's time.
- There were several e-mails from



Ed Miller regarding the closing of the *Central Oregon Chapter*:

Official closing, last meeting, and listing how they want to disperse the money left in their account.

The state board agreed that the funds be donated according to the *Central Oregon's* wishes, that checks be issued, then the bank account be closed upon checks clearing the bank.

Board members agreed that the closure was regrettable but hope for a future resurgence of interest in reopening the chapter.

It was agreed that all materials of historical value be turned over to the state board. Those items such as BBQ gear be donated to charity.

**Motion** to accept *Central Oregon's* closing procedures. Seconded. Motion passed.

Joy- I'm thinking that maybe we should come out with some kind of a new by-law that would help control some of the negativity that goes on social media because of this situation that happened last month. I just want to be able to have a bit of say or control on what is being said on social media on our

web sites. Just pin some rules at the beginning.

**Recording secretary** – Mary Josephson had nothing to report. Glad to be on board.

**Treasurer** – Aurora Josephson reported very few expenses in December. We had two expenses. One was for Paul Herring, paying him \$375. And we owe for the newspaper \$2,694.05

Our checking account balance after that those expenses is \$3,200. and \$9,897. and our is \$200. the savings is \$12,634.49 and our total balance is \$16,133.46 \$33,133.46. That's my report. Thank you.

We have yet to receive the invoice for January's newspaper but it should reflect the price deduction for a newspaper which is four pages shorter. I will report back to you.

**Sanctioning coordinator** – Elizabeth Warner is hoping to get everybody to send her their contact information so that we can talk to each other. it is:

**or.state.absanctionsofficer@gmailcom**

or e-mail address:

**sanctioning@stateoforegon.net**

Shirley Huff had the *Fossil Campout* flyer ready to go to press and Elizabeth Warner, sanctioning coordinator okayed and sanctioned the flyer. The flyer will be sent to Rot Path and James Niece, web master.

Diesel Dave was contacted by *M.R.F.* for *A.B.A.T.E.'s* annual membership fee. He will be reimbursed \$100 by state treasurer Aurora.

< **Break** >  
**1259 – 1316**

**Membership** – Needs to send a mailing list to the newspaper publisher. It needs to get to them around the 20th of each month.

### Officer Reports

**Auditor** – < V a c a n t > We have no state auditor, although we did get a letter from the state of Oregon that needs attention. Our state treasurer will handle the letter.

**Newspaper** – Rot Path noted that chapter reports are due today even though we won't have a printed newspaper in February. We still need to do an on-line version for the web site so we still need the reports plus they are required for our Oregon tax status.

We also need a current officer information list.

**Web master** – James Niece announced that web site information content is current except for officers. He needs the information so he can update e-mail forwarders, etcetera. He's recently updated the web site for 2026 activities, He's been updating the SEO search engine optimization content for web sites which improves our outreach worldwide. If you use the Oregon State or Pacific Northwest debate or similar searches resulting

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search listings will include our web site.

**Public relations** – Michelle FitzHenry reminded everyone that March 14th is *STEAM*. (*Seminars To Educate and Motivate*) It's taking place at the Newport *American Legion* hall. Help is needed to coordinate the event. Worthwhile speakers are available for this important event.

Shirley Huff will be reimbursed for a receipt for printing.

**Products** – I need more products content for the products page I can provide that for you to James we need to get together on that I've got some pictures already taken for some of the products.

The last few months there have been expenses for domain word process *etcetera* renewals. I'll be sending the treasurer the requirement forms and receipts soon.

Additionally we need to change the order for sanctioning officers so that any e-mails that are addressed to [sanctioning@stateoforegon.net](mailto:sanctioning@stateoforegon.net) go to Elizabeth

**Fossil Campout coordinator** – Shirley Huff is going to contact Diane Rochelle who is the person who along with Todd run the gate at Fossil because *Willamette Valley Chapter* is not represented today. We need someone to coordinate vendors for Fossil. I need to contact Kathy and find out what went on with the food vendor at the *PNFR* to see if she is on board for Fossil. If I don't have a vendor coordinator, I'll do it myself. I've got my name and my contact number on the flyer. It won't be that difficult. I am not doing advanced RV registration forms or adding any extra paperwork to the gate this year. On the flyer it does state that all sites whether it's an RV or whether it's a tent or a motorcycle

or a truck are first come, first serve. I will be contacting Kathy for some vendor information. She does have names and contact numbers for vendors. The biggest problem I have after looking all over this state for food vendors: they are not self-sufficient. They need somewhere where they can plug in and that is not the situation at Fossil. We don't have electricity for vendors that are not self-sufficient so that's the hardest part about bringing in food vendors at Fossil. I do have one that runs the hotel in Fossil. He also has a food truck and for whatever reason was not welcome to come in last year so as far as the food goes I'm going to do my best to get some other food out there but I do need to contact the person that shows up religiously every year to find out if she will come. Any other vendors, tattoo artists -anything that I can come in contact with, I'll see what I can do. We have an application on the Fossil web site for vendors, just to see who will show up. There is no vendor fee, they will be charged at the gate for entrance like anyone else. We do not have to go through AMA to get our insurance anymore so I did pull AMA off the flyer. I've made a few changes to the flyer but not much -the artwork that you see on the flyer is what's going to be on the shirt and it's already on the complimentary tickets as well.

Diesel Dave: will you please restore the category of antique stock and the motorcycle show? maybe I've got that I haven't got that far yet Dave but I'll write it down and I will continue to lobby

on this relentlessly antique stock.

Whether to charge Fossil vendors an additional fee for parking was discussed. The best way to support this event is by paying to get into the gate. The need for more vendors was discussed as was talk about looking through past years records to find more vendors.

The Fallen Rillers Memorial was discussed, as was their connection to Fossil. There is hope for continued work together and mutual support. The Black Ribbon ride happening on Saturday during Fossil will be added to the Fossil flyer.

**Legislative** – Diesel Dave: had nothing much to report as far as the bill I think it was 3991 the passed the legislature and was signed by our governor in November that faced a recall, I mean a referral petition referendum the petitioners turned in of the 78,000 signatures OR required to put this on the ballot in the 20 November 2026 election 250,900 signatures presented to the Secretary of State. On December 30<sup>th</sup>, earlier this week governor Kotek they allowed or is it going to lobby the legislature to repeal still 3991 there may be some politics involved here of her reelection campaign I can't really speculate on that I'm going to attend a meeting tonight of no gas tax Oregon, and no gas no tax Oregon meeting and see what they have to say, representative Ed Deal who was one of the chief petitioners he's served state and district he's the Salem he claims that once the Secretary of State certifies this it

goes on the ballot one way or the other because if the governor and get the the legislature to repeal this law then there would be nothing for the people to vote on so this is creating quite a bit of an outcry in the community that raised the petitions so that's the the only thing I got for legislative work right now. I'm still working on the motorcyclist Bill of Rights and so that's what I got for for legislative really not that much behalf of legislative I hope everybody has a good new year thank you anything on the MRF other than please join the MRF if you want to be heard on the bigger spectrum on the national level I encourage anybody to join up with MRF motorcycle riders foundation so I'm gonna say that OK it's really important that because these guys really do go to uplinks to fight for our motorcycle rights especially on the national level I was just recently in fact Wednesday I was in a zoom meeting for the National Coalition motorcyclist and there was quite a big group and I just want to say that there's a lot going on on the national level as your motorcycle rights and what western states eastern States and your Midwestern states they are doing a conference that's coming up soon and we'll be doing another very big conference in May so I just want to say that on that spectrum the MRF's are doing Fighting about your motorcycle profiling has been really coming up guys it's been a big deal all across the US- that was the main topic at this meeting as well, I was in a meeting with the state board for Idaho in November at the end of November right around Thanksgiving and I went to the Boise for the now their

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collation of motorcycle riders as well and she put me on the spot-OK, anyway but even Idaho was on board with Oregon with ABATE of Oregon of support I am also going to meeting January 31st of the end of this month in Olympia WA I got invited by the new state coordinator which is Bill Nye to come in to do a speech on the behalf of ABATE of Oregon as well so I I just want to say in the Pacific Northwest regional I'm out there promoting our organization as such and what we represent and to have other folks that surround us in the Pacific northwest support us as well it's very important that the other states are on board with us to help support us even though we're that as they say the little of the crowd .

We are encouraged as individuals and as Chapters of ABATE to support MRF and BICPAC as sustaining members.

**BikePAC** – Tony Morgan (executive director) of gave a summary of contacts he has made since joining the organization and outlined the challenges going forward and the promise of a positive way forward for *BikePAC*

Motion to adjourn passed by voice vote.

**Adjourned** – 2:06 p.m. (1406)



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**Called to order** by state coordinator, Joy Reyes – **12:26 p.m.**

- Pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

- Role call of chapter representatives.

Six (6) of seven (7) chapters represented.

Excused chapters –

Unexcused chapters – Willamette Valley (?)

- Guests and first-time attendees – None.

- 5 excused absences: 2 vice-coordinators, Matt and Morgan.

### Executive Board Officer Reports

**Coordinator** – Joy Reyes noted that several new officers are learning the duties of their positions. Official duties are listed on the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* web site.

Some long-time members are stepping down from positions solely because of time served. Nothing nefarious.

**Treasurer** – Aurora reports some expenses including a microphone and printing for *Fossil Campout*.

Treasury reports from all chapters are due. (End-of-year bank statements.)

bank accounts:

savings = \$12,635.56

checking = \$2,909.42

Paypal = \$200.

Total = \$15,744.98

**Membership secretary** – Karen is learning her position and catching up with totals. She will send Mary everyone's e-mail address so their reports will be received.

Karen reports 500 total members state-wide.

15 new members and 13 renewing members.

Renewal notices have been sent out, so hopefully membership will

increase.

Karen reports expenses. Will send receipts to Aurora.

**Sanctioning** – The rules for sanctioning of events was discussed.

The sanctioning officer is working hard with Joy and Aurora on insurance for *Fossil Campout* and other events.

It is very important to sanction all events at once to save money.

< Break >

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### Officer Reports

**Newspaper editor** – Rot Path wished everyone happy Valentine and Oregon's birthday.

Thank you all for being here.

Rot Path was ill in late January, so on-line newspaper was late being posted.

Still need chapter reports from *Lincoln County* and *Southeast Portland*.

Need to have state board minutes by the following Wednesday after meeting.

March newspaper will be a printed version.

Need list of 2026 events.

New officers, please acknowledge received e-mails immediately.

**Web master** – James asked that people please respond to e-mails from the web master promptly.

The importance of using the correct e-mail addresses for all correspondence was underlined.

New historical link on the web site is awesome!

*Fossil Campout* vendor form is up and running.

Warning about spyware affecting Android computers and IOS computers. Beware.

James is filling *Facebook* administration position, replacing Michelle.

James will send expenses to Aurora.

**Public relations** – Officer stepping down.

**Sergeant of Arms** – Curtis noted a celebration of life for long-time

*A.B.A.T.E.* member, Don Garinoto. He and his wife Becky were *A.B.A.T.E.* members for more than 30 years in *Josephine* and *Douglas County* chapters, as well as members in several other motorcycle organizations. The celebration was attended by hundreds of motorcycle riders in Roseburg, who gathered from other states including Arizona and Idaho to pay their respect.

### New Business

**Karen**– Discuss printing updated handbooks or downloading from *A.B.A.T.E.* web site.

### Old Business

**Seminars To Educate and Motivate**

14 March in Newport *American Legion* hall.

Speakers?

Hoping for state representatives, one out of Portland, one from Salem area.

Topics?

Motorcycle rights, etc.

Agenda needs to be discussed – about our organization, lobbying, putting together a proper run, meeting by-laws, social media rules.

Board meeting in Newport on Sunday, 15 March, 9–11 a.m.

### Unfinished Business

- Working on social media guidelines.

We need simple straightforward rules for on-line participation.

- Encouraging new members. Aurora and Joy are crafting a short video presentation to entice interest in *A.B.A.T.E.*, possibly using artificial intelligence. (AI)

**Fossil Campout coordinator** – Shirley had concerns about insurance, year bars, bands, vendors, people on the gate.

Question for Curtis from Shirley: Will you be available to run heaters on the stage of *Fossil*? Answer was yes.

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**CRUSTY OL' EDITOR**

(again)

# Of Motorcycles and Railways

*if they can succeed, why can't we ?*

c.o.e. - 264

(Personal views of the editor. Not to be confused with reality or endorsement by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.)

## February

Just finished reading *Around The World In Eighty Days* by Jules Verne, published in 1872.

At that time wooden sailing ships were giving way to iron steam ships, horse and wagons were being displaced by railroads, travel was becoming easier and faster. Journeying around the world was possible to accomplish in less than three months. (Previously such a trip might take years.)

Now we have astronauts on the international space station whizzing around the globe every ninety minutes or so.

Got to thinking about how people traveling on foot experienced so much more of the world than those on horseback. With every improvement of transportation, people were further

removed from the world through which they travelled.

Riding a motorcycle, we are once again closer to our world, more a part of it.

We see more, feel more, hear more, experience more than we would within an enclosed vehicle. We are also more actively involved, using our wits to avoid peril or potential disasters.

At a subconscious level, that may be another reason why so many people turn to riding motorcycle — to be closer to the world in which we live.

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In the 1960s, there was an engineer who became chairman of *British Rail*, Richard Beeching.

In an effort to make the railroads more efficient, he closed over 2,000 stations and

tore up 6,000 miles of rail, devastating travel for residents of rural towns and villages while throwing 67,000 people out of work. (The "*Beeching Axe*".)

Many of the closed lines have been brought back into service as light rail or historic steam lines, at great cost.

One lesson here is that short-term saving may come at a heavy long-term cost.

In reading about one of the preservation groups, *Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR)*, their focus and organization has lead them them to continuing successes despite setbacks. Like us, they are an all volunteer organization.

It sounds like the early years of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*

What is preventing us from



**Rot Path**  
crusty ol' editor  
(again)

being as successful as that English railway group ?

Part of the problem may be each group's mission: Theirs is largely physical while ours is intellectual.

The public can see what the railroad restoration folks are accomplishing and participate in the results.

When we succeed in education and safety, the public is pretty much unaware of our efforts.

What can we physically offer the public that would excite them about motorcyclists and fire their imaginations ?

Discuss.

## MARCH Cryptogram

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A V R K F Q X B H N K F

A V N D C B R P V Q X N Z N R L .

-- H X X N W Y A X W C Q

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page 14)

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Saturday 0900

14 March 2026

Newport American Legion hall

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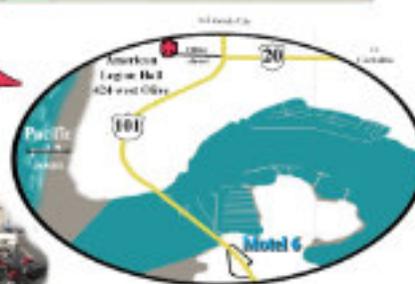
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American Legion hall



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Last month yer crusty ol' editor began reading Mark Twain's *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* using the *Gutenberg Press* on-line. (Since it's free.)

Twain tends to use the book to soapbox his own views (at length) while treating the story as secondary. Yet despite his self-indulgence, he makes some valid insights about peoples' relationship to government:

" . . . my kind of loyalty was loyalty to one's country, not to its institutions or its office-holders.

*The country is the real thing, the thing to watch over, and care for, and be loyal to.*

*Institutions are extraneous. They are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out.*

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Everything is moving forward with promoting and advertising the event.

**Legislative** – Diesel Dave has been lobbying elected officials and hopefully gaining support.

He received a call from representative Susan McLain's staffer Grace. Grace informed him that representative McLain will endorse the *Motorcyclist's Bill-of-Rights*.

He requested a copy of the letter. Not received it yet.

• Tony Morgan, Paula Leslie, and Diesel Dave attended a meeting of the Oregon transportation commission on 15 January 2026. During a break, Dave approached the commission chair, Julie Brown, with a copy of the *Motorcyclist's Bill-of-Rights*. There were two other commission members present. All seemed receptive to the concept.

Dave is scheduled to submit testimony to the committee in March. Representative McLain attended this meeting as well. Representative McLain said "She will meet with me after the 2026 legislative session to

*strategize for the 2027 session*".

• Town Hall – 26 Jan 2026

Senator Khanh Pham, representatives Thuy Tran, Willy Chotzen.

Representative Chotzen introduced HB-4111 in this session. It would protect immigrants from profiling. I suggested motorcyclists be included. He seemed receptive, but with the time constraints, it didn't happen.

Representative Chotzen is a civil rights attorney.

Dave spoke with Jonzy from *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists*. (N.C.O.M.) He wants to connect with Chotzen after the legislative session ends.

Senator Pham and Dave had a pleasant conversation. He may be gaining ground.

• Town Hall – 31 Jan 2026

Senator Lew Frederick, representatives Tawna Sanchez, Travis Nelson.

They all stated they would support recognition of motorcycles as alternative transportation and include motorcycles in transportation plann-

ing.

At this event, Dave met Tom Karwaki, who is active in the Multnomah county democratic party and the *City Club of Portland*. He has served on many transportation planning committees. He suggested contacting *Portland State University* regarding their TRAC program. The TRAC program transportation planning could offer feasibility studies to substantiate the *Motorcyclist's Bill-of-Rights* and other legislative objectives of *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.*

Dave may pursue membership in the *City Club of Portland* as a means of outreach.

• Town Hall – 04 Feb 2026

Portland city council district 3.

Councilors Tiffany Koyama Lane, Angelita Morillo, Steve Novick.

Dave provided the councilors with copies of the *Motorcyclist's Bill-of-Rights*.

He learned that councilor Koyama Lane's campaign manager rides a *Harley-Davidson*. She is very interested in the *Motorcyclist's Bill-of-*

*Rights*.

Councilor Morillo's chief of staff's family members are involved in motorcycling.

Councilor Novick is extremely difficult to outreach by anyone. Dave will try reaching out to councilor Novick's.

• Two bills Dave is tracking are SB-1593 and its companion bill HB-4017.

These bills attempt to reform liability waivers. Oregon is the only state west of the Mississippi where a release of liability is easily overturned. This makes insurance much more expensive for events such as runs.

• One of the most controversial bills in this session was SB-1599. This would move the vote on the gas tax referendum from the November general election to the May primary election. Supporters claim that it will give Oregonians a quicker voice in critical transportation funding.

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On the subject of who's actually in charge of things:

"Connecticut's constitution declares "that all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit; and that they have at all times an undeniable and infeasible right to alter their form of government in such a manner as they may think expedient."

And one final river pilot thought:

". . . no people in the world ever did achieve their freedom by goody-goody talk and moral persuasion."

-- Mark Twain

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Opponents claim our governor wants to distance her party from an unpopular vote.

• Hot rod swap meet season has begun. **M.R.F. representative** – Diesel Dave

### Announcements

• Brad – Southeast Portland spring swap meet may be canceled due to lack of venue.

• Joy announced that Harley-Davidson in central Oregon is closing their store, reflecting on the closure of the Central Oregon Chapter.

• River City is having their Poker Run -Teddy Bear Parade April 25<sup>th</sup>, it needs to be sanctioned so advertising can begin.

### Closing

Joy – Your presence is a rare powerful opportunity for motorcycles across the country. We have a chance to advance seven of the M.R.F.'s twelve legislation agenda items and two

upcoming highway bills.

*Bikers Inside The Beltway* coming up in May.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the M.R.F. and for supporting those who tirelessly protect the rights and safety of motorcyclist everywhere.

We are trying to bring *Josephine* and *Douglas County* chapters together for a Spring Run on 18 April.

Beginning in May, the *Eugene Sport Bike Group* has asked A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon to help sponsor bike nights.

They will have the sponsors and do raffles, everything. They could start a chapter back in the Eugene area.

**Meeting adjourned – 2:52 p.m. (1452)**

## Public Relations Report – Michelle FitzHenry

As we move through the winter towards the light of spring remember to treat others well.

I work with the public and there are a lot of different personalities.

Taking the time to listen and not reacting first is a valuable trait.

With it being February, it's time for Oregon's 167th Birthday on the 14th as we celebrate the anniversary of statehood.

Our own A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. newspaper editor [crusty ol', one each] has a birthday on this very same date.

Coming up on 14 March are the *Seminars To Educate and Motivate* in Newport.

Held at the Newport American Legion hall, this is a great chance to learn more about the organi-

zation of A.B.A.T.E. along with brushing up on those officer skills at both the chapter and state level.

Brush up on those by-laws that you will find in the membership booklet.

Thank you and here's to a Fabulous February 2026.

Regards,

-- Michelle FitzHenry  
public relations  
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## Legislative Director

Greetings,

Nothing to report from Oregon, motorcycle-wise.

Transportation-wise, all hell might break loose.

One year ago, in the 2025 legislative regular session, our governor championed an eleven-billion-dollar tax and fee increase on motor vehicles to fund our crumbling roads and infrastructure. Her own party refused to support this, much less the opposition, so it was pared down to a paltry \$4.3 billion.

Even then, the legislature could not agree on this by the end of the 2025 session.

Not to be deterred, our governor called a special session for the house on Labor Day weekend. On a party-line vote, it passed.

The senate was called into session in mid-October. (Giving one member of our governor's party time to recover from surgery.) It passed there as well.

Oregon statutes stipulates that: After a bill is passed, the governor has thirty days to sign it or veto it, or it goes into effect regardless.

The opposition party had threatened a petition drive for a referendum to the general election in November 2026. In an attempt to thwart this attempt, our governor waited until the 26<sup>th</sup> day before signing the bill into effect.

This allowed the opposition only 35 days to gather the necessary 78,000 signatures necessary for the referendum. In a movement that stunned our governor,

her majority party and the news media, 250,900 signatures were gathered with time to spare.

The petitions were delivered to the secretary of state's office in a horse-drawn carriage by petitioners dressed as Santa and elves.

Not to admit defeat, our governor then released plans to request the 2026 legislature, in the short session, to repeal her signature piece of legislation. This would remove it from the same ballot on which she seeks reelection. (And possible political embarrassment.)

That pesky opposition party then released an opinion from Oregon's 1935 attorney general stating that: when a referendum is approved, it goes to the voters and is beyond the reach of the legislature. Not to be deterred, our governor, while stumbling through a press conference with a friendly and supportive news media, made the announcement that she plans to ask the legislature to move the vote to the May primary election. Thus, giving her and her party a better chance of reelection.

Oregon primary elections traditionally have a low voter turnout; this would serve our governor well.

It's a laugh-a-day in the Beaver state. This humble politician can learn from this example.

-- "Diesel Dave" Ganslein  
legislative director  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon,  
daveganslein@hotmail.com  
(503)-901-0192

## Team Oregon Rider Survey

One tool *Team Oregon* is deploying for program evaluation is a short survey aligned with our advanced training, outreach, and engagement efforts.

We aim to gauge riders' perceptions of the risks of motorcycling and attitudes toward safety.

We will be glad to share the results with you, and ask that you share the survey with riders in your realm – students, instructors, and in particular, the general riding population. We plan to actively collect surveys in:

2025-2026,  
2030-2031,  
2035-2036.

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## State Coordinator — (continued from page 3)

happens to be *Motorcycle Safety Awareness* month.

I think it's really important that anybody who rides any kind of motorcycle to come to this *May Motorcyclists Awareness Rally* on 02 May 2026 in Salem in front of the state capitol building.

I'm happy to report that all chapters and the organization are still functioning and always pushing forward for its mission of what we stand for on motorcycle rights in the state of Oregon.

We have a lot of events coming up this year. We also have a new *BikePAC* committee formed.

I'm also happy to report that we have new state board members who have stepped up.

I want to emphasize that it takes a little time for new folks to settle into their new positions and to know what they're doing. Going on our state web site and reading about their new positions will help the organization to continue smoothly.

It's really important that we all work together as volunteers in this organization to continue its mission statement.

As volunteers, we try to represent everyone on the roads of Oregon — motorcycles, scooter riders, three-

wheelers, four-wheelers, dirt bikes, electric bikes.

We have encouraged legislation over the last five years, especially the one that's for lane-sharing that's been up on the governor's desk twice and kicked back because she would not sign it.

Motorcycle rider profiling and the right-to-repair bills have also been issues.

Our legislation department and *BikePAC of Oregon* are out and about over the state of Oregon, including myself as your state coordinator. I travel a lot throughout Oregon to visit different board meetings of state representatives and city councilors.

We have a legislation department in Portland who does an outstanding job of

tracking legislation, agendas, meetings, and to speak with key folks about different issues for motorcycle rights and safety.

So I would like to thank all of the volunteers in both organizations who help continue our efforts for motorcycle rights, safety, and awareness on the legislation floor.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who make it possible for this organization and *BikePAC of Oregon* to continue.

-- Ms. Joy Reyes  
state coordinator  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

# BikePAC Letter



*BikePAC* members,

When I was voted in as executive director/treasurer, *BikePAC* was in rough shape. The decision before the board was to either close the organization permanently or to see what we could do to revive it.

After looking over the financials and speaking with Oregon government ethics commission (O.G.E.C.) and the secretary of state (the two government bodies we report to), as well as various *BikePAC* officers and members, I came to view the problems facing the organization as something akin to a slowly sinking ship. The first step is to plug the holes that are letting the seawater in, the second is to make the vessel seaworthy, the third is to outfit it with a solid crew, and the fourth is to set out to explore new ports. All of this was discussed in our 03 January meeting.

However, there still seems to be some confusion regarding the changes and direction of *BikePAC*, so I'd like to clarify a few things.

**First**, we cannot afford a paid lobbyist. That is a luxury reserved for much larger and more well-funded organizations than ours.

Over the past two years, we have spent a total of \$13,848 in lobbying expenses. 100% of those funds have been spent on lobbyist wages or lobbyist-incurred expenses. (*i.e.* travel, telephone, internet, *etc.*)

During that same time period, a total of \$2,826 was spent for all other *BikePAC* expenditures. The total income for 2024/2025 was \$10,728, leaving a \$5,946 deficit.

*BikePAC* has been spending far more money than it has been bringing in, and as a result, we have drained any savings and are entering 2026 with more money still owed for 2025 than we have left in the general fund.

The proposal I brought to the meeting is one that I discussed with both Karen Tolle (secretary) and Paula Leslie (legislative director).

The first part states that we can no longer afford to pay out funds we are not bringing in.

This breaks down into two categories.

The first is the paid lobbyist position. Looking at the numbers from the past two years, it only takes some basic arithmetic to see that hiring a lobbyist was something we could not afford then, and certainly cannot afford now, even with the promise of more funds from *A.B.A.T.E.*

The second is the idea that we should pay some members for work, but not others. This seems self-explanatory. *BikePAC* is a volunteer organization, and any salary or reimbursement for future work needs to be approved beforehand by the executive board with that in mind.

It's currently a moot point, as the general fund is empty, but it's something that we should remember moving forward.

In addition, we can't base budgets on anticipated funds rather than actual funds we hold.

Before I move on, I want to make one point clear. None of this is a criticism of previous *BikePAC* leadership or lobbying efforts. I am not speaking to that at all. I am simply approaching this as a basic nuts and bolts math problem:

Here is how the funds have moved in the past.

Is this sustainable?

If not, where do we go from here, and how do we shape *BikePAC* into a sustainable organization?

That's the bad news.

The good news, however, is the part I'm excited about.

I'm a firm believer in the idea that conflict and obstacles bring opportunity, and this is giving us exactly that – the opportunity to reform *BikePAC* into the grassroots, volunteer, people-powered lobbying machine it can and should be.

Lobbying, much like voting, is open to anyone. It doesn't cost anything except time. Every single member of *BikePAC* can be a lobbyist, and in my opinion, should be, to the best of their ability.

Unions, corporations, and organizations of similar size and funding often pay a professional lobbyist to do this work for them.

But we are neither large nor well-

funded. (Although the plan is to eventually be both.) So, we have to do the lobbying ourselves.

What does that look like?

It means organizing lobbying days.

It means educating our membership on how to lobby.

It means getting people fired up to go speak with their representatives.

O.G.E.C. (Oregon government ethics commission) has all sorts of resources that are available to the public, from pamphlets and videos to Zoom conferences and in-person classes. These are all offered free of charge.

Diesel Dave used the term "army of lobbyists" a while back and I think that's something we should embrace.

Let's get educated and really focus on taking motorcycle rights, awareness, and safety to our legislators. And let's do it as a team.

Our focus for 2026 should be on raising awareness, growing membership, educating said membership, and reaching out to the community for support and input.

I am a firm believer in the power of democracy. The more members and volunteers we have, the more work we can accomplish. The more sponsors we have, the more financially independent we are. And the more input we get, the more finely we can hone our approach to addressing issues that really matter to the riding community.

We can honor the legacy of *BikePAC* and all the good it has done for motorcyclists in Oregon by protecting what it has created and by carrying on its mission.

Let's get out there and shake things up.

-- Tony Morgan  
executive director, treasurer  
*BikePAC of Oregon*  
(503)–224–4823

## Lincoln County

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We need gate personnel volunteers. The *Lincoln County Chapter* has Friday evening covered, but all other time slots are open. Each time slot is only four (4) hours. Shirley has simplified the process for you.

We could also use help at the information booth. It will be open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

In my opinion, if people don't start volunteering we will need to straight out assign certain chapters for certain jobs and time slots.

18 April is the *Lincoln County Chapter Long John Poker Run*. We will start at the *American Legion* in Newport at 10 a.m.

The poker run we held in the fall was spectacular! Bob led us on windy, twisty roads, under railroad trestles, and along creeks out in the country. We went through many very small towns. (Don't blink.)

Now my soap box moment: I know winter can stop us from riding. My bike has a lot of chrome and I don't like washing it after a misty ride or just riding on wet roads, but we have had a lot of good weather lately, cold but sunny. Bundle up and ride your bike on those good days. The government needs to see we are on the road and not some trivial modern day car organization that calls themselves bikers.

It frustrates the hell out of me going to a state or chapter meeting and only seeing two or three three bikes in the parking lot. If you can carry your stuff in saddle bags or in a back pack, you need to be on a bike.

-- Gordon Petty  
*Lincoln County*

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon (2022) version  
**Duffy's Revived Road List**

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
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<b>North Coast area</b>										
Carl Earl	(503)-791-3584	North Coast	X	X	c/p	X	X	X	X	X
Doc Holiday	(503)-791-8829	North Coast	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Bruce Westerland	(503)-468-8248	North Coast	X	X	X				X	
Nick Cames	(206)-409-6112	North Coast	X	X	X				X	
Jake Kelly	(503)-791-9200	North Coast								
Craig Jones	(503)-739-6020	North Coast	X	X				X		
Mick Innias	(503)-791-0146	North Coast	X	X	X				X	
<b>Central Coast area</b>										
Gordon Petty	(aaa)-ppp-nnnn	someplace		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Jack	(541)-272-0789	Toledo	X						X	
Jim & Deb	(541)-563-3125	Seal Rock	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Shirley	(541)-563-6526	Seal Rock	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Geoff	(541)-270-9845		X	X		X	X	X	X	
<b>South Coast area</b>										
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X			
Tom Cuman	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X		
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X			
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Bob Kudma	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X		
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brian, Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X		
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point					X			
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					X			



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<b>Washington County area</b>										
Paul Hering	(503)-357-4382		X	X	X					X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503)-649-7344		X							X
Gordon Sahnov	(503)-784-0737	Vernonia	X	X	X					X
Ted and Jill Tracy	(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yamell	(503)-810-0625		X							X
<b>Portland area</b>										
Roy Kirk	(503)-730-69983	Portland	X	X			X		X	
Ken	(503)-860-2793	Birkenfeld	X				X		X	
James Niece	(503)-775-2203	Portland	X		X		X			
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Richard Ives	(503)-960-2407	Milwaukie	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Salem area</b>										
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem				X	X			
Rot Path	(503)-ppp-nnnn	Independence				X	X			
<b>Willamette Valley area</b>										
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-0728	Sweet Home	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted	(541)-338-8380(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rich "Snake"	(541)-929-4589	Philomath	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Nic	(541)-487-5570	Alsea area	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Gary	(541)-974-7056	Millersberg	X	X	X			X	X	X
<b>Southern Oregon area</b>										
Pat "Spanky" Allen	(541)-659-8715	Grants Pass	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Rogue River							X	X
Bob Heilman	(850)-294-5316	Grants Pass	X	X				X	X	X
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Roger	(541)-406-1029	Grants Pass	X					X	X	
Ron Wright	(541)-660-5242	Grants Pass	X						X	X
<b>Central Oregon area</b>										
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# Chapters

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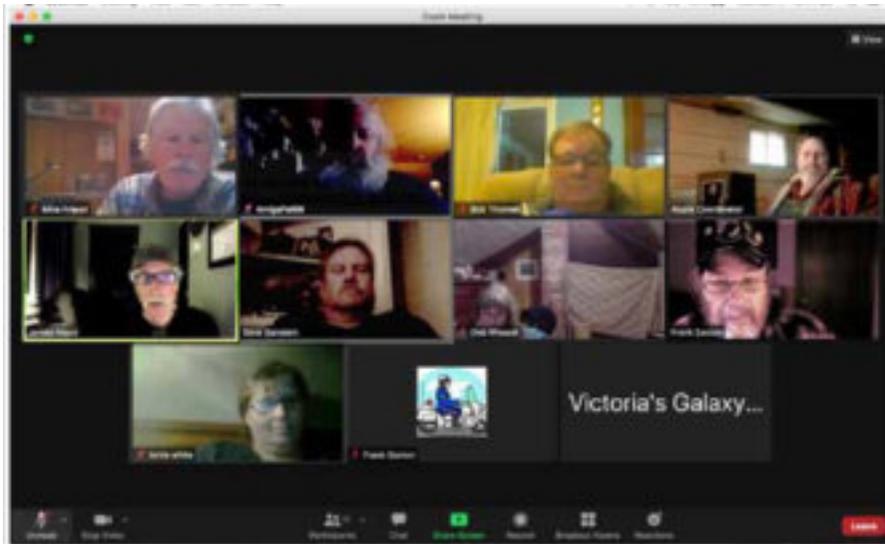
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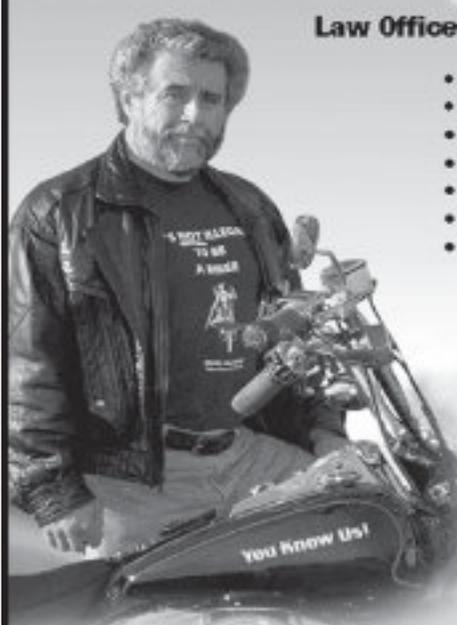
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The organization of *BikePAC* consists of an executive director, lobbyist, secretary, treasurer, and membership officer. Currently the executive director position is vacant and our current lobbyist is looking for an assistant to learn the ropes and eventually take over.

Elections are usually held in May and take effect in June.

Duties of the executive director are to preside over *BikePAC* meetings, set priorities of legislative action, provide budget input to the treasurer, and generally provide oversight to activities.

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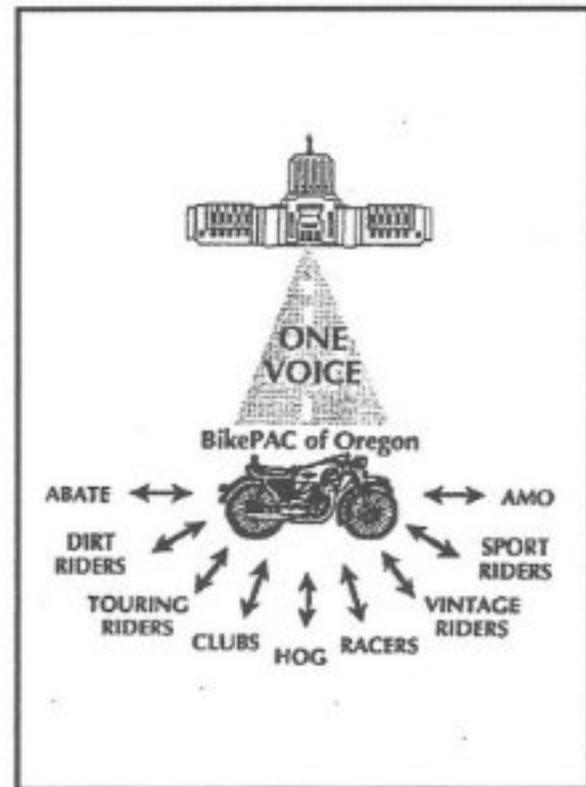
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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state senate district \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state representative district \_\_\_\_\_



## Oregon BikePAC Motorcycle Rider Survey



These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Business will need to place *paid* advertisements.

Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.)

Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.

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news@abateoforegon.net

Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V) or  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.  
att. Member Ads  
2532 Santiam Hwy SE, box 311  
Albany ORegon 97322

### Police Stop Form ( Help us track why motorcyclists get pulled over – prevent profiling and harassment )

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-227-2024 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for chief of staff. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Christopher A Slater (A.I.M. attorney) - 1321 NW Hoyt street – Portland, OR 97209 ATTN: chief of staff [cslater@pnwlawyers.com](mailto:cslater@pnwlawyers.com)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? (YES) (NO)

#### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ a m / pm

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

CITE # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st appearance date: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

**You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime.**

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? (YES) (NO)

If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN \_\_\_\_\_ VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_

If verbal, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES : How did you plead? \_\_\_\_\_ If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? (YES) (NO) If no when is your court date? \_\_\_\_\_

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

FINE : \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WORK TIME LOSS HRS: \_\_\_\_\_ LOST WAGES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) \_\_\_\_\_

#### DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe: \_\_\_\_\_

You may request copies of all reports and materials, including video and audio tapes, within 72 hours of a traffic stop.

# Oregon A.B.A.T.E.State Officers

## Calendar Year 2026

[ EB = executive board ]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
<b>Secretary</b> [EB ]			
Joy Reyes	(541) – 643 – 1798	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Mary Josephson	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Vice-coordinator (north)</b> [EB ]			
Matty Mazurek	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	vcn@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Vice-coordinator (south)</b> [EB ]			
Morgan Warner	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	vcs@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Vice-coordinator (east)</b> [EB ]			
<OPEN>	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	vce@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Treasurer</b> [EB ]			
Aurora Josephson	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Membership secretary</b> [EB ]			
Karen Tolle (temporary)	(541) – ppp – nnn	membership@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Run sanctioning</b> [EB ]			
Elizabeth	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
<b>State auditor</b>			
<OPEN>	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	auditor@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Newspaper editor</b>			
Rot Path	<del>(503) – 838 – 6893</del> (?)	news@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Web page editor</b>			
James Niece	(503) – 775 – 2203	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Public relations</b>			
Michelle FitzHenry	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Sgt-at-arms (north)</b>			
Toad Rishel	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	sgtnorth@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Sgt-at-arms (south)</b>			
Curtis McCain	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Sgt-at-arms (east)</b>			
	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	sgteast@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Products director</b>			
n a m e	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	products@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Education director</b>			
<OPEN>	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	education@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Fossil coordinator</b>			
Shirley Huff	(541) – 270 – 6860	fossil@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Historian</b>			
N a m e	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	historian@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Quartermaster</b>			
<OPEN>	(aaa) – ppp – nnnn	quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
<b>Legislative director</b>			
Diesel Dave	(503) – 901 – 0192	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
<b>M.R.F. representative</b>			
Diesel Dave	(503) – 901 – 0192	mrf@abateoforegon.net	

(Return address )

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 Albany OR  
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership / Renewal**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Renew ? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

New ? \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Plus-1 and/or "more family" under 18 residing at same address:

Plus-1 name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Individual	Plus-1	Family (minors)	Supporter / Business
1 yr	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 5	\$ 100
2 yr	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$10	
3 yr	\$ 80	\$ 125	\$15	
5 yr	\$ 125	\$ 200	\$25	
Life	\$ 400			

Total # members \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership benefits: membership card, A.B.A.T.E. patch, AD&D insurance, event discounts.

Join additional chapters \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( \$ 5 each per year )

Supporting organization/business benefit: Certificate of appreciation

Donation to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

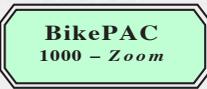
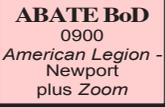
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Total included \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# MARCH 2026

Meetings, events, runs, moon phases . . .

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> S.E. Portland 1230 (12:30 pm)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Full worm moon River City 1900 ( 7 pm)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b>  • Standard Time Ends • Peanut Cluster Day • Grand Sumo begins	<b>9</b> Washington County 1900 ( 7 pm)	<b>10</b> Chapter Reports Due	<b>11</b>  4TH QUARTER MOON Johnny Appleseed Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3.14</b> S.T.E.A.M. 0900 – Newport <i>American Legion</i> Pi Day
<b>15</b>  S.E. Portland 1230 (12:30 pm)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Lincoln County 1830 (6:30 pm) St Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> Josephine County 1800 ( 5 pm)	<b>19</b>  new moon	<b>20</b> Spring equinox	<b>21</b> National Corndog Day
<b>22</b> Grand Sumo ends	<b>23</b> Washington County 1900 ( 7 pm) Chips and Dips Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  1st quarter moon  Tolien Reading Day	<b>26</b> Douglas County 1800 ( 6 pm) Purple Day	<b>27</b> International Whiskey Day	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Willamette Valley 1500 (3 pm)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>about March</b> • The name of March comes from <i>Martius</i> , the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. • It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war		• The equinox on the 20th marks the astronomical beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere.	<b>Birthstones</b> – aquamarine, bloodstone. (symbolizing courage) <b>Birth flower</b> – daffodil.

## STATE BOARD MEETING

Sunday, 15 Mar 2026

9 a.m. – 0900

American Legion  
424 west Olive  
Newport

**C H A N G E**

Zoom conferencing available

> Check web site to confirm. <

## Have A Smart Phone?

( Or a reasonably intelligent communications device ? )

QR code for Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:



## 2026 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

( boldface indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events )

Date:

Event / sponsor:

Location:

PR = Poker Run

BN = Biker Night

SM = Swap Meet

Contact phone:

14 Mar 2026

**S.T.E.A.M. / Oregon ABATE**

Newport

02 May 2026

**May Motorcyclists Awareness Rally**

Salem

22-25 May 2026

**Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE**

Bear Hollow

(541)–270–9804

## CHAPTER MEETINGS – A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Douglas County (DC)	4 th Thursday	1800 ( 6 p.m.)	Roundtable Pizza; 1661 NE Stephen street; Roseburg ( Zoom video conference )	(541)– 294– 1123
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]				
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1800 ( 5 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grants Pass	(541)– 659– 8715 Spanky
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3 rd Tuesday	1830 ( 6:30 p.m.)	American Legion hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)– ppp– nnnn
River City (RC)	1 st Tuesday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Columbia River Hotel; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)– 298–5502
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	1230 ( 12:30 p.m.)	High Rocks Steak&Chops; 915 E Arlington; Gladstone	(503)– 285– 4329
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd Monday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	(503)– ppp– nnnn
	4 th Monday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Elk's Lodge; 21865 NW Quatama street; Hillsboro	
Willamette Valley (WV-2)	last Sunday	1500 (3 pm)	Denny's; 3155 Ryan drive SE; Salem	(541)-480-5457